

REMARKS

Claims 41-89 are pending in the present application. Claims 41 and 67 have been amended by incorporating the limitation of claim 46 therein and by specifying that the surface being covered by a mercury amalgam is the aluminium or aluminium alloy surface. Claim 46 has been cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added to the application. Reexamination of the application and reconsideration of the rejections and objections are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks, which follow the order set forth in the Office Action.

Interview

Applicants thank the Examiner for a helpful and productive interview with Applicants' representative on August 4, 2009. Applicants submit that the Examiner's Interview summary dated August 19, 2009, accurately summarizes the substance of the interview. Applicants have incorporated all of the amendments suggested by the Examiner into claims 41 and 67. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the claims, as amended, are allowable.

Claims 41-45 and 47-89 Allowable

For the foregoing reasons, claims 41-45 and 47-89 are considered to be allowable. A Notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If any questions remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number given below.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

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